

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *Seattle is a city of innovation and is rated one of the most creative and educated cities in the nation, yet all students do not have access to quality arts education in our public schools; and*

WHEREAS, *arts participation and training – in the classroom and out of school – develops critical thinking skills, creativity and cross-cultural understanding, boosts confidence and opens paths to success; and*

WHEREAS, *the arts are fundamental to a complete education and important to nurturing Seattle's next generation of innovative citizens; and*

WHEREAS, *the Seattle Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs is working with a wide range of partners, including Seattle Public Schools, Seattle Arts Commission, teachers, parents, artists, arts organizations and community members to bring the arts into the lives and learning of all Seattle youth; and*

WHEREAS, *the Arts Education Partnership – a multi-year effort between the City of Seattle and Seattle Public Schools – aims to put the arts back in education for all students in the school district; and*

WHEREAS, *we applaud the dedication of arts educators and advocates and call for school and community leaders to continue to broaden and strengthen their arts education focus;*

NOW, THEREFORE I, Michael McGinn, Mayor of Seattle, celebrate the contributions of arts educators, and do hereby proclaim May 2010 to be

Arts Education Month

in Seattle and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Michael McGinn'.

Michael McGinn
Mayor